

## Message Text

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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: PETROCI TO DRILL FOR OIL  
WEST OF ABIDJAN

REF: 77-ABIDJAN 10277

EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT PETROCI (STATE-OWNED NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY) PLANS TO DRILL THREE TEST HOLES IN THE HOPES OF FINDING PETROLEUM ON LAND TO THE WEST OF ABIDJAN. TWO HOLES OF 7500 TO 7600 FEET IN THE JACQUEVILL AREA AND ONE OF 10,000 FEET IN THE GRANT LAHOU AREA ARE FORESEEN. IT IS HOPED THAT DRILLING CAN BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. PETROCI IS NOW LOOKING FOR A COMPANY TO THE DRILLING, SANTE FE (AMERICAN), K.C.A. (BRITISH/AMERICAN) AND FOREX (FRENCH) PLAN TO BID ON THE PROJECT. OTHER COMPANIES INTERESTED IN BIDDING SHOULD CONTACT MR. DAVID WRIGHT OR ROBER HOLROYD, PETROCI, B.P. V194 REPEAT B.P. V194, ABIDJAN. TEL: 32.40.58; 32.45.35; 32.39.73, TELEX 2135. STEARNS

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